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POWER CUTS IN ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that frequent power cuts in Andaman and Nicobar Islands particularly in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted power supply?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (c) : There are no frequent power cuts in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. However, there are interruptions of varying duration. The main reason for interruptions in power supply are falling of trees and branches on overhead lines and snapping of conductors due to high speed wind and rain as most of the overhead lines pass alongside trees and plantation as the forest cover in these islands is around 86% and sufficient corridor/right of way is not available for transmission and distribution network. Pruning and trimming of branches and leaves of trees is periodically being done to reduce the interruptions.